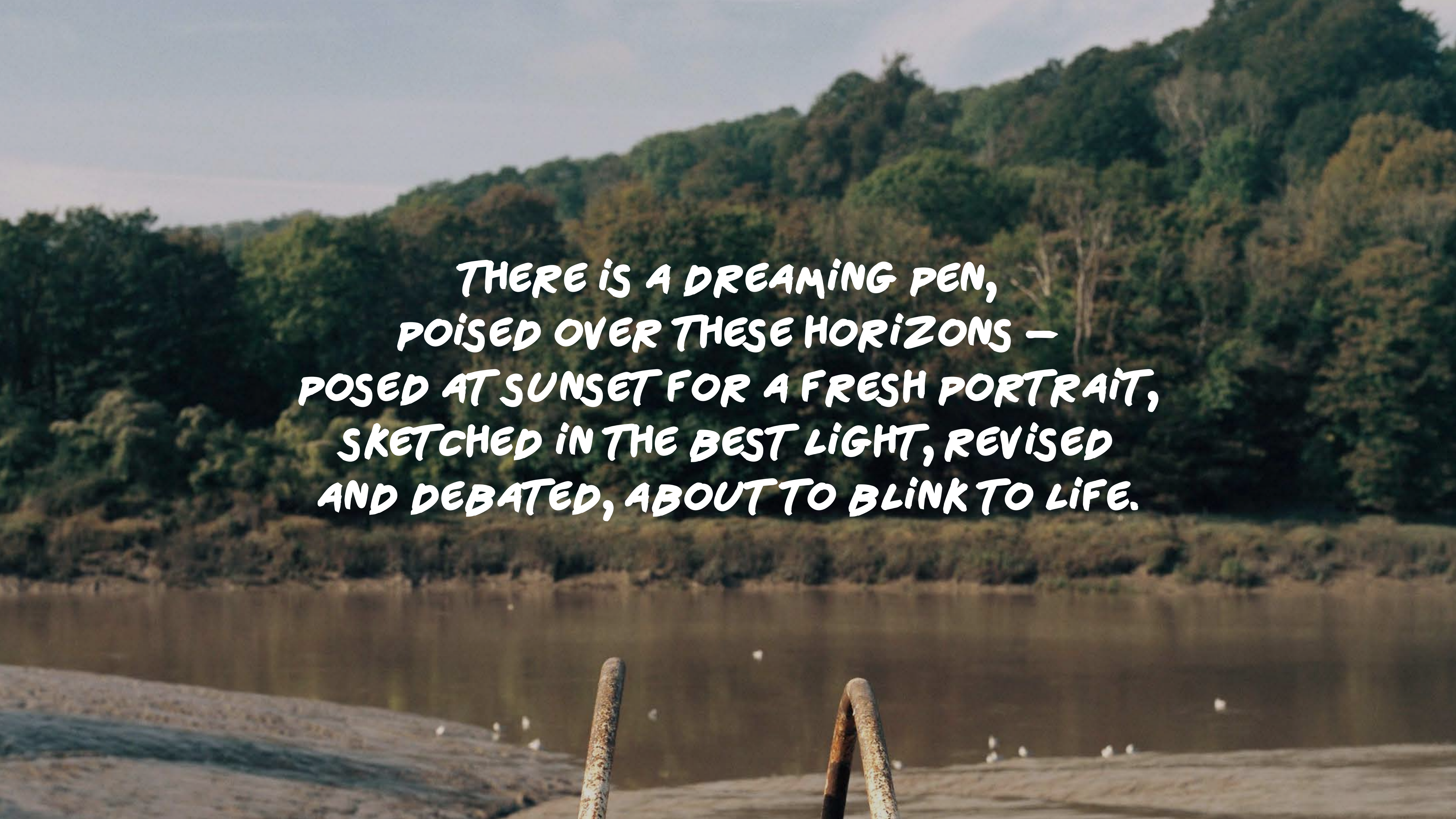


Harbour Hopes

A vision for Western Harbour

Consultation Draft — 10th March to 22nd April 2022

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A scenic landscape featuring a wide river or estuary in the middle ground, reflecting the sky. The background is dominated by lush, green forested hills. In the foreground, a sandy bank is visible, with two rusty, vertical pipes or poles protruding from it. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

THERE IS A DREAMING PEN,
POISED OVER THESE HORIZONS –
POSED AT SUNSET FOR A FRESH PORTRAIT,
SKETCHED IN THE BEST LIGHT, REVISED
AND DEBATED, ABOUT TO BLINK TO LIFE.

The western end of Bristol's Floating Harbour is primed for a new phase in its long history of transformation. In response to the challenges of our time and inspired by the hopes of an active community, its future will build on the area's heritage and identity shaped by pioneers such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Sylvia Crowe. With nature at its heart and infrastructure running through it, Western Harbour will become a climate exemplar supporting both community living and innovation. As a gateway and connection point, the area will be both edge and centre. This is a vision for Western Harbour, this is the story for its next chapter.

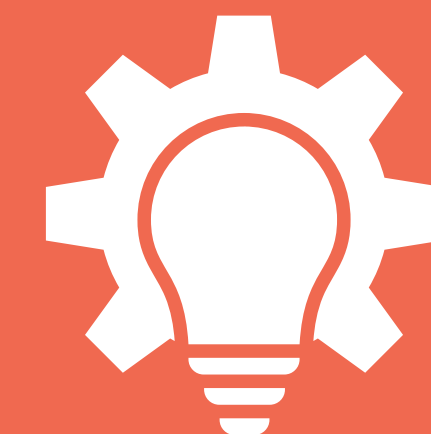
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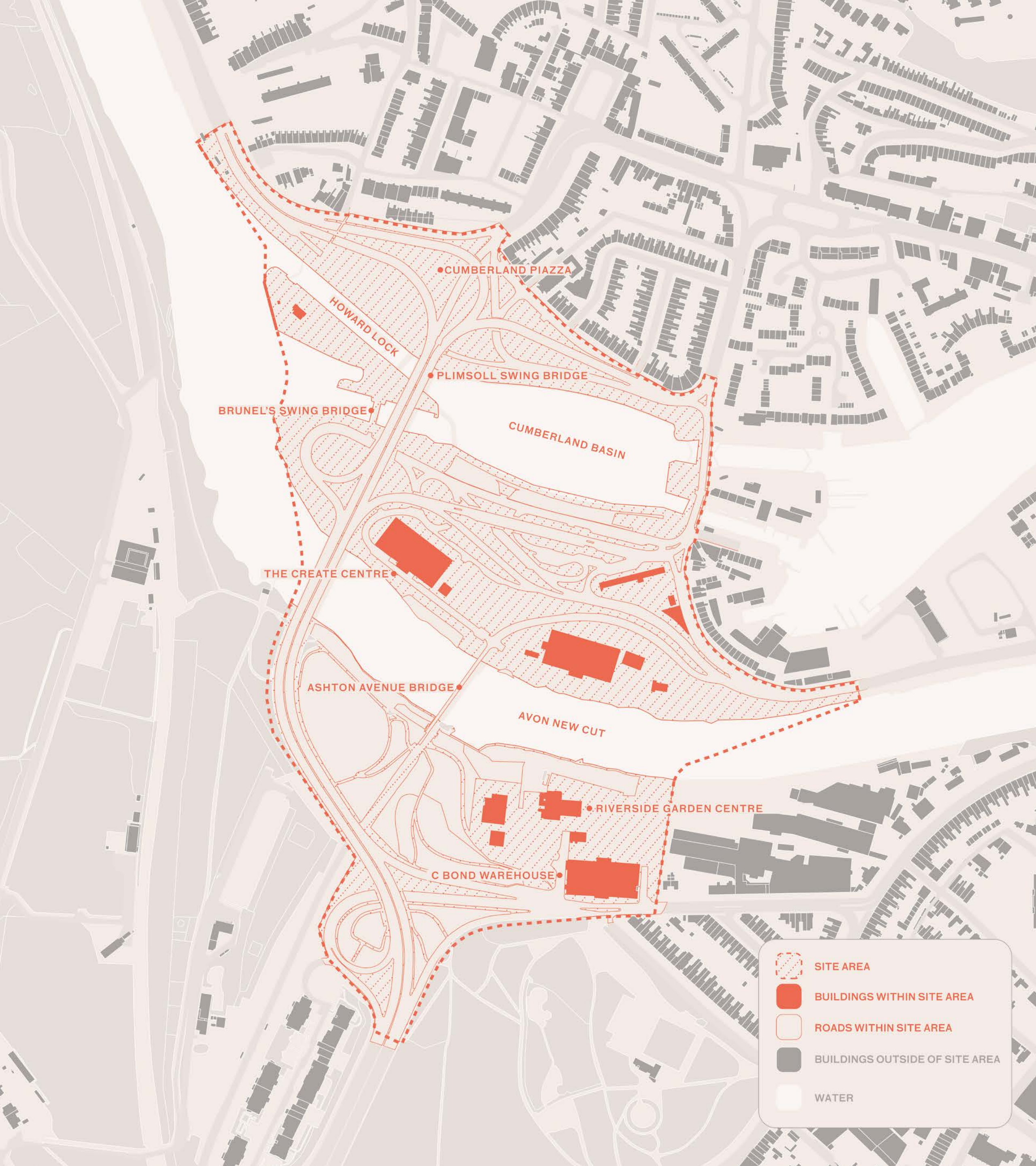
Support a thriving community



Build on its tradition of innovation

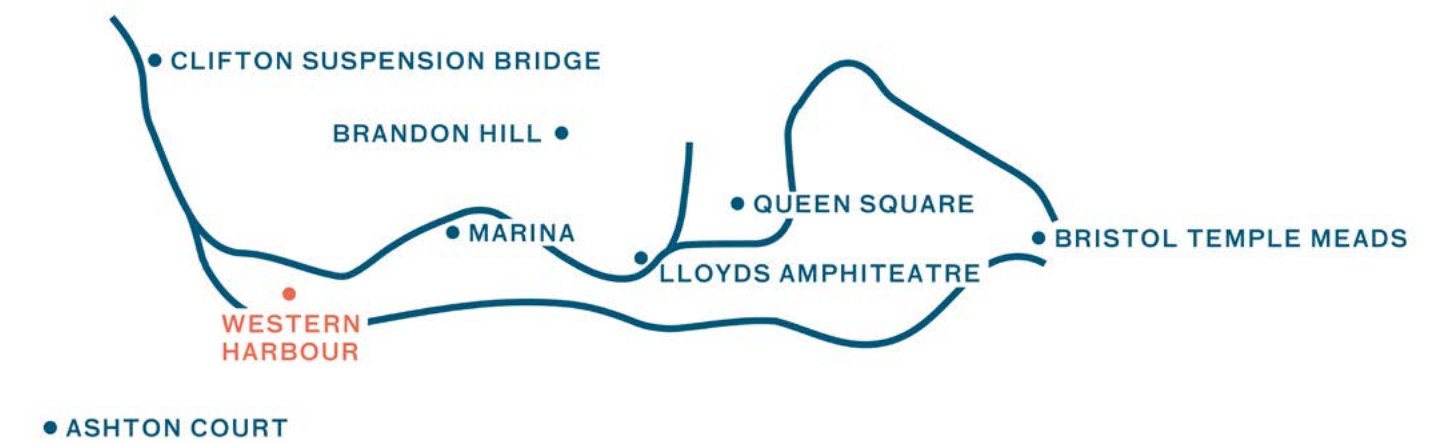


Embrace freedom and nature



Where is Western Harbour?

The vision focusses on the western end of the Floating Harbour. It is an area that extends from Hotwells to Greville Smyth Park, and includes Cumberland Basin and the New Cut.







Western Harbour will be a distinctive gateway to Bristol

Commitments

Welcome Visitors

Western Harbour's significant historic role as Bristol's gateway between the city and the countryside, will be reflected in the new development attracting people from near and far to visit and stay awhile.

Celebrate Heritage

Heritage will be explored whilst looking to the future. Historic buildings and infrastructure will be restored, reused and celebrated.

Reduce Local Traffic

Amenities will be located within walking distance whilst cycling routes will be legible and safe. Public transport and ferries will be prioritised over cars.

Have Character

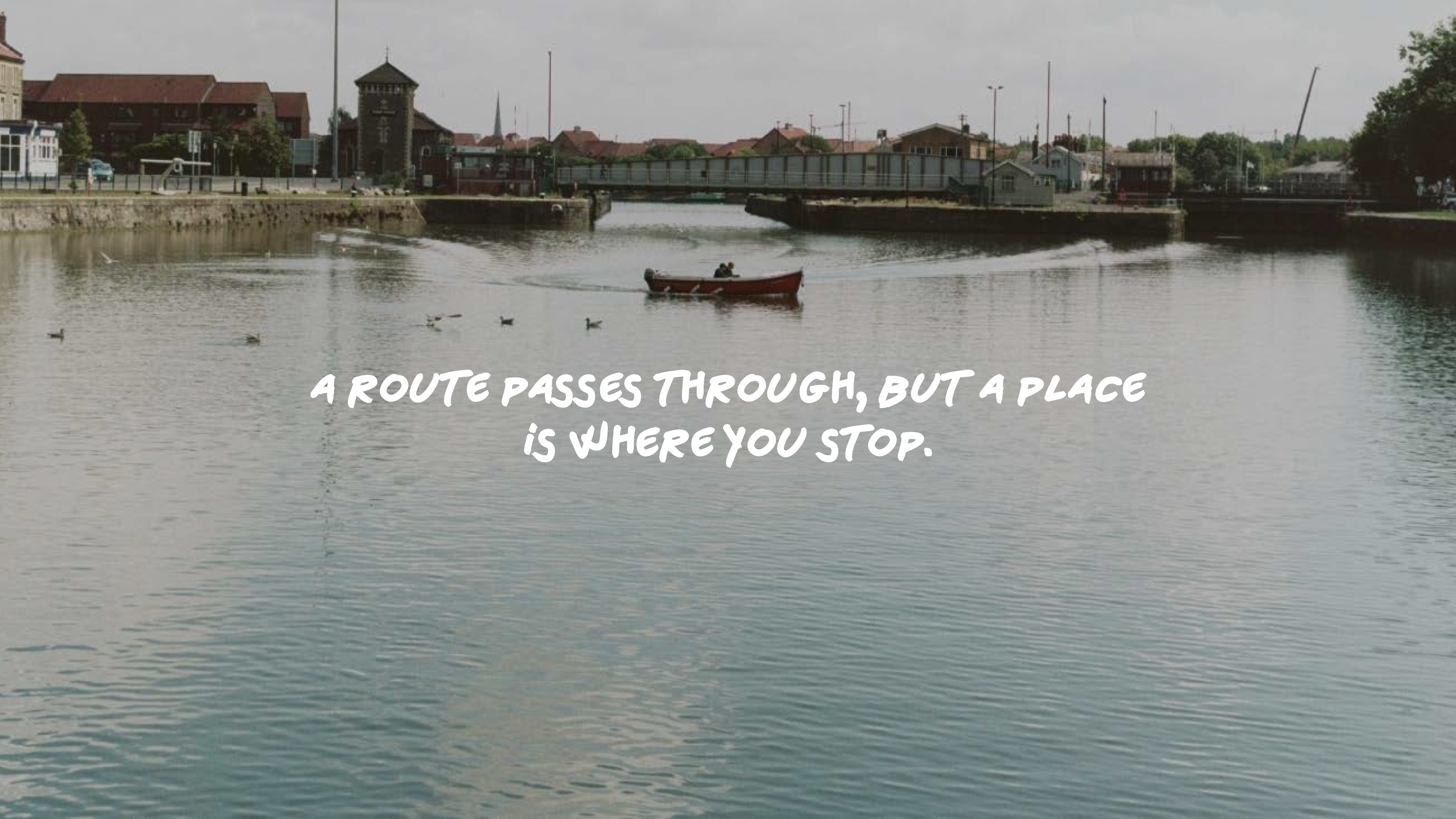
New architecture and infrastructure will be of exemplar quality, distinct to Western Harbour, and respect the significance of existing local landmarks and views.

Create Connections

New pedestrian and cycling routes extending the harbourside walkway, will link into surrounding neighbourhoods, Ashton Court and beyond.

Encourage Culture

A bonded warehouse will be converted for mixed use and include a cultural hub for Bristol and beyond, offering a programme of national significance.

A wide river flows through a town. In the center, a small red boat with two people is moving across the water. Several ducks are swimming in the foreground. The background features a bridge, a church tower, and various buildings under a cloudy sky.

*A ROUTE PASSES THROUGH, BUT A PLACE
IS WHERE YOU STOP.*



Western Harbour will support a thriving community

Commitments

Welcome to all

A place that is accessible to all and where everyone is welcome, whether you live here, work here, or just like to visit.

Feel Safe

Eye contact from window to street level, active ground floors with a mix of uses, and a generous and playful public realm will create safe and lively streets.

Provide Quality Homes

High quality homes, with a mix of sizes and tenures of which 50% are affordable, will support the community to grow over generations.

Support Community

Facilities will be provided for the growing population, meeting the needs of existing and new communities.

Support Enterprise

Local economic growth, training and job creation will be fostered through affordable space for small and medium businesses, and social enterprises.

Safeguard Treasured Assets

The treasured assets of Riverside Garden Centre and the pump track will be accommodated within the area for the existing and new communities to enjoy.

www.hotwells.org.uk

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www.brunelsotherbridge.org.uk

WEARING A MUD MASK
OF EXFOLIATING CORMORANTS, THESE HORIZONS
ARE CAREFULLY HAND-WASHING THE CRYSTALS
OF HISTORY, ITS PISTONS AND COGS.





Western Harbour will build on its tradition of innovation

Commitments

Tackle Challenges

Building on the legacy of maritime ingenuity and engineering innovation exemplified by Brunel, the development will provide ground-breaking, innovative solutions for the city's 21st century challenges.

Integrate Resilience

A resilient flood defence system, sensitive to heritage assets, will be integrated into a playful and inclusive landscape design, forming a safe threshold between land and water.

Achieve Net-Zero

A pioneering climate resilient, net-zero in operation and regenerative development, leading the way for the city's sustainable future.

Run on Green Energy

Innovative green energy systems will be integral to all new buildings, ensuring efficiency on a neighbourhood wide level.

Build-in Sustainable Drainage

The built environment will integrate green and blue surfaces as sustainable urban drainage systems in landscape, streets and on roofs.

Increase Biodiversity

Biodiversity net-gain will be achieved through the integration of wildlife friendly habitats in the public realm and on building envelopes.

AND THEY WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL, LOVED
FOR THEIR HERE AND NOW, AND A HALF-
ILLUMINATED TOMORROW.





Western Harbour will embrace freedom and nature

Commitments

Celebrate the Waterfront

An extended harbourside walk will celebrate heritage, views and encourage activity on the water, while providing places to dwell and socialise.

Escape the bustle

The neighbourhood will offer a retreat from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the harbour, creating tranquil spaces where people can pause and reflect.

Promote Recreation

Access to the site's natural resources for play and recreation, will retain a sense of freedom and promote a healthy and active lifestyle for residents and visitors.

Provide Vantage Points

Beautiful public spaces to enjoy exceptional views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, Ashton Court and the Clifton escarpment.

Nurture Ecology

Protection and enhancement of harbour and river wildlife corridors, as well as targeted rewilding projects, will nurture the area's ecology and biodiversity.

Connect to River Avon

New buildings and public realm will connect to the river corridor, provide access to nature and support the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.

This vision has been the product of hundreds of encounters and conversations about the identity and potential for the area. It is just the beginning of an exciting process of co-creating the next chapter for Western Harbour.

From September to December 2021, the team ran:

- 10 Creative Workshops in person
- 2 Creative Workshops online
- 7 Listening Labs online
- 2 in-person sessions at Riverside Garden Centre and at Docks Heritage Weekend
- 2 Walk and Talks
- 2 Visioning Days
- 1 month long exhibition

Online, we have received over:

- 599 comments on the Harbour Hopes Map, with 1818 'likes'
- 81 online Place Principles with 139 'likes'
- Over 120 comments over 1000 'likes' on Instagram

This is a consultation draft.

Please visit www.harbourhopes.co.uk to find out how you can submit your feedback. You can also view a full report on the engagement.



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